

Summary

From the evidence available, it appears:

(1) that the juveniles of *C. s. sinensis* and *C. s. intermedius* are barred, while those of *C. s. parroti* are not.

(2) that the females of *parroti* acquire a marked sootiness on their wing coverts between about November and January.

(3) that there is either a mixed population or two forms overlap in the Punjab and northwards along the Jumna Valley.

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10. THE OCCURRENCE OF THE PINKBREASTED PARAKEET (*PSITTACULA ALEXANDRI*) IN DEHRA DUN

On 14 November 1955, Mr. Gurdial Singh of the Doon School and myself, while sitting under a Toon tree in the school grounds, saw a party of these attractive parakeets fly into the tree, and we were able to watch them through field glasses on and off throughout the afternoon as they moved about in the branches overhead, feeding in clumps of loranthus parasitising on the toon branches. While feeding they were very quiet and their presence in the tree was only felt by the continual rain of leaves and other matter they dropped down while feeding or when attention was attracted by the whirr of wings as a bird flew from one branch to another. The flock consisted of over a dozen birds of both sexes, and when they flew from one tree to another they did so in a compact wheeling mass uttering loud and very distinct trumpeting calls quite unlike those of the Slatyheaded or the Alexandrine parakeet, both of which were around in fair numbers. The pink breast in the males is a very conspicuous feature as is also the rather short tail. Mr. George of the F.R.I. who is a knowledgable bird student of Dehra Dun informs me that this bird has never been mentioned before from the Dun.

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[The western limit of distribution given in the Fauna is 'Kumaon' without any specific locality.—Eds.]

11. EXPERIENCES WITH LITTLE RINGED-PLOVER

(With a plate)

The Little Ringed Plover (*Charadrius dubius*), is not a rare bird in Kashmir. Anyone looking for its nest may with perseverance and a little luck soon find it. It is not an excessively shy bird and seldom looks with great disfavour upon a photographer's hide, and yet my